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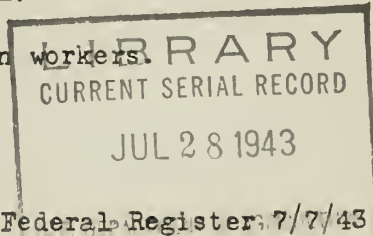
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Food Production Order 5 Revised July 3, 1943 (See Federal Register 7/7/43 pp. 9271-9275) has the effect of eliminating all restrictions on the farm use of chemical fertilizers except as to the grades approved by state agronomists and other agricultural authorities.

Specifically, the revised order provides the following major changes:

1. Instead of being written largely around chemical nitrogen the revised order now applies the term "fertilizer" equally to nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in view of the need for most efficient use of all chemical fertilizers and the possibility of short supplies, especially of potash.
2. Requirement provisions have been lifted to include growers of B crops. This permits the use of fertilizer by farmers who have not previously used fertilizer on B crops, subject to provisions concerning approved grades.
3. Special nitrogen grades are provided for use on Victory gardens. Grades available in 1944 are: 6-10-4 for Pacific coast states, 4-12-4 for Midwest states and 5-10-5 for Atlantic coast and Southern states. In addition, the revised order provides for the sale of limited quantities of straight nitrogen to Victory gardeners for supplementing mixed fertilizers.
4. Restrictions have been lifted to permit the use of chemical fertilizers on melons and cucumbers.

War Boards will note that since the issuance of the original FPO 5 the tendency has been to limit Group A vegetable crops to those which are more readily grown and require the least processing.

With the exception of the above changes, the revised order follows the same general lines as the original FPO 5.

